

# RAISING THE DEAD



## The crowd. The vibe. THE MUSIC!

There's nothing like a Grateful Dead concert! For over 50 years, the music of the Dead has enchanted audiences from San Francisco to Egypt, Denmark to Detroit.

Raising The Dead is an ensemble of professional musicians - with 5 lead singers - recreating the energy, harmony, and intricate arrangements of the original jam band. The music spans styles including country western, blues, rock, R & B, and bluegrass, accented by covers of Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, Merle Haggard, and more.



Raising The Dead shows feature an ideal balance of tribute and original interpretation, with the perfect feel and flow to keep the audience on the dance floor all night.

Deadheads are everywhere, and they can't wait for the next show. Because they know each one will be different, they keep coming to see Raising The Dead, night after night.



Comerica Park, Detroit Tigers Grateful Dead Night, 2019

# The Band



## Bill Butler - Bass & Vocals

Bill started playing the bass guitar professionally at the age of 15, and has made a career of it. Some of the local acts he's played in include Willie and the Whitewalls, Knockout, and Midnight Blue. Bill was the original bassist for The Killer Flamings.

He first became a big fan of west coast bands, especially the Grateful Dead, back in high school. He decided to put this band together to have fun and recreate the feeling of being at a Dead concert.

## Matt Cole - Lead Guitar & Vocals

Matthew Cole is a graduate of Cleveland Institute of Music. Matt played professionally in New York City during the early '90's before moving back to the Detroit area. His extensive rig and exceptional skill recreates the sound and feel of Jerry Garcia's guitar playing and tone.



## Max Katz - Keyboards

Max started playing piano at the age of 9 and studied music at Purdue University. He was a member of the touring band Somebody from 1998 to 2000, and has played in various rock and jazz groups before and since. His musical influences include Chick Corea, Brent Mydland and Duke Ellington. His love for the Grateful Dead and their music was realized upon seeing them in concert in 1995.

## Laurie Lester - Vocals

Laurie Lester was captured with the magic of music at an early age, attending bluegrass music festivals with her parents as a child. She continued her love of music with church and school choir. Later on, she honed her Grateful Dead skills with bands such as The People Movers, Dead Again, and Deep Space Six. Laurie likes to sing the blues, and has a special fondness for the music of the Jerry Garcia Band and The Rolling Stones.



## Dave Martin - Guitar & Vocals

Dave Martin has taught middle school choir in Taylor, MI for over 20 years. Dave performs with various rock and jazz ensembles throughout Detroit. Dave has published three albums of his original worship songs. In 2012, Dave was named the Southern Great Lakes Symphony's Downriver Idol. A classically trained singer, Dave loves the opportunity to interpret The Grateful Dead's vast body of great American songs.

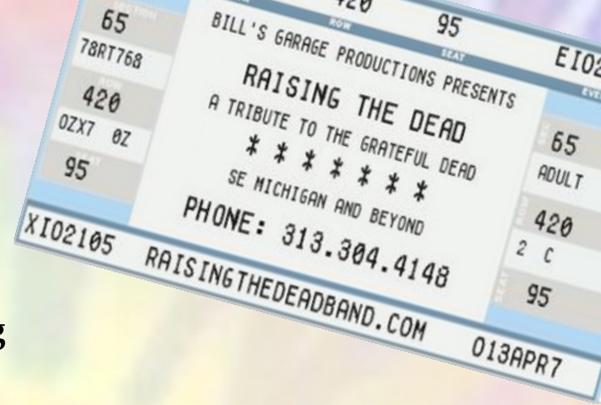
## Joseph Waldecker - Drums & Vocals

Joseph started playing drums with his brother, father and godfather at the age of 13, and found himself gigging regularly with high school bands at the age of 15. He first found his love of the Dead's music at a Bob Weir and Ratdog show in March of 2008, and has been playing their tunes ever since. He made a name for himself playing with Michigan bands that include Feral Ground, People Movers, and Nina and the Buffalo Riders. His biggest influences include John Bonham, Benny Benjamin, Joe Russo, Max Roach, Buddy Rich, Richard "Pistol" Allen and Gene Krupa.



## The Songs

Raising The Dead plays an extensive setlist that we're always expanding. We specialize in realizing some of the Dead's most difficult arrangements without losing the groove. Our sets are often seamless, each song morphing seamlessly into the next. RTD can play 2 sets a night for several shows without repeating a song, which brings the same fans back night after night. Here's some songs you might hear at a RTD show.



Bird Song  
Casey Jones

I Know You Rider

Jack Straw

Black Throated Wind

Johnny B. Goode

Eyes of the World El Paso  
Bertha

Cassidy

Big River Althea

Deal Franklin's Tower

Let It Grow

Dire Wolf

China Cat Sunflower

Candyman

Goin' Down the Road Feelin' Bad

Feel Like A Stranger

Me and My Uncle

Brown Eyed Women

Help On The Way

Fire on the Mountain

One More Saturday Night

Slipknot  
Sugaree  
Scarlet Begonias

The Wheel

Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds

Touch of Gray

Playin' In The Band

Uncle John's Band

U.S. Blues Promised Land

Looks Like Rain

Loser

Weather Report Suite

Truckin'

Terrapin Station

Sugar Magnolia

The Other One

Mama Tried

Shakedown Street



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## The Venues



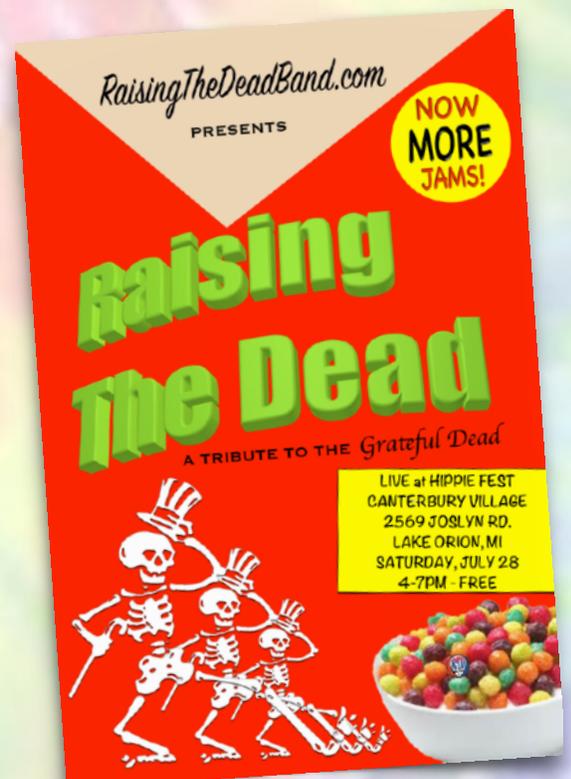
The Beats Go On, September 2020

## Raising The Dead has performed at these metro Detroit venues

- Arts Beats & Eats: The Beat Goes On - Royal Oak
- Comerica Park - Detroit
- Otus Supply - Ferndale
- Cadieux Cafe - Detroit
- Wyandotte Street Art Fair
- The Watermark - St. Clair Shores
- Russell Industrial Center - Detroit
- Canterbury Village - Lake Orion
- Taylor Botanical Garden and Conservatory - Taylor
- The Shelter at St. Andrew's Hall - Detroit
- Eastern Market Brewing Company
- The Rockery - Wyandotte
- Trixie's - Hamtramck
- Psychedelic Shack & Vegetarian Cafe - Detroit
- Gibraltar Fairgrounds - Gibraltar
- The Token Lounge - Taylor
- The All Around - Taylor
- The Maidstone Theater - Ypsilanti
- Trenton Scarecrow Festival - Trenton
- McCaffery's Bar - Lincoln Park
- Larkin's Bar - Westland

"Amazing show last night guys! I'll be looking forward to seeing as many shows as I can!! Keep it up!!"  
- Hunter Helfrich, Facebook

"A well spent 5 bucks for me tonight - I was not disappointed. Give me a Terrapin next time. Definitely recommend you!"  
- Robert Williams, Facebook



## Music and Video

To see Raising The Dead performing live, please visit [raisingthedeadband.com](http://raisingthedeadband.com)

Follow Raising The Dead on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [SoundCloud](#)

"Great show last night! I hope y'all play Washtenaw County again soon!"  
- Pippi Human, Facebook

## Booking

To book Raising The Dead contact [raisingthedeadband@gmail.com](mailto:raisingthedeadband@gmail.com)

Dave Martin  
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Bill Butler  
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The Parliament Room at Otus Supply, 2020



Russell Industrial Center, MI Glass Project, 2019

"Saw them at Festival of Hippies today. They are a great band!" - Cheryl Farner, Facebook



"Fantastic interpretation of The Dead!"  
- Sydne Kasle, Facebook



Live on WDIV from Comerica Park, 2019